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## THE INVASION OF MEXICO.

If the invasion of Mexico by the United States brings about the destruction of Villa, it may be the means of restoring peace to that unfortunate country, which would be a blessing. If it means a war with a united Mexico, the people of this country know full well that this calamity could not be avoided.

The United States has been patient with Mexicans and Mexico. Men, women and children, citizens of this country, have been murdered by one set or another of Mexican cutthroats, and Washington has refrained from taking a decided stand in the hope that out of the chaos peace would eventually come.

The march of the United States army across the border probably is the beginning of a long and disastrous campaign. The attitude of President Carranza does not indicate that he will co-operate with the United States, but on the other hand, he apparently resents it.

If the supporters of Carranza join with Villa and his band and the other desperadoes come to their assistance, the American troops that cross the border now will be gone a long time.

War with Mexico would be largely a guerrilla campaign, fraught with many obstacles for the American troops. Military experts of the United States have said that it would require an army of 500,000 men to conquer Mexico promptly. If this be true, the Washington government has a problem at hand.

To recruit half a million men would not be an easy task and to make soldiers of them would require months and cost thousands of lives. If it is to be war, it will bring general regret, but the end will insure everlasting peace between this and that country.

War with Mexico would turn the attention of this country from the struggle. It would temporarily at least satisfy the fanatics of the East who have been endeavoring to force this country in a struggle with one of the belligerents of the old world. But those who have clamored longest for war will be last to respond to an invitation to serve.

## THE WARNING TO AMERICANS.

The announcement from Washington that Americans will be warned against riding upon armed belligerent ships will be received with gratification by the country, because it means that the chief menace to the peace of the United States has been permanently removed.

Whatever may have been the reasons for President Wilson's actions, he has not only acted in the best interest of his own government, but he has eliminated the chief cause for disagreement among his own people.

It has been apparent for several days that strange things were taking place in Washington. If President Wilson was negotiating to bring about a change in his foreign policy which would serve the greatest purpose, then the methods that he employed were well justified.

There never has been a desire on the part of the American people to give one of the belligerents an advantage over another. This being a neutral nation, only a strict neutrality was desired.

The President's new policy seems to leave no cause for complaint. His determination to ascertain if the Allied merchantmen, which enter American ports are armed for offensive as well as defensive, does no power an injustice. And his ruling that ships armed for offensive action will be treated as auxiliary cruisers and ordered to leave American ports within 24 hours, will be heartily approved.

Either President Wilson undertook a stupendous task to remove this country from the dangers of becoming embroiled in the war or he was late in recognizing the facts, but that is inconsequential so long as the results are satisfactory.

The war in Europe should not concern this country, except for the wish that it will soon be over, and the United States can be safest when fartherest away from it. It is to be hoped that President Wilson may find an opportunity to discontinue the shipment of war material to Europe.

And when one considers the developments of the past few days, it is not difficult to imagine that the campaign for preparedness may have been the first step in a movement to stop munition shipments abroad by using all that is made in the United States to prepare this country. Of the two evils, the latter is probably the lesser.

## A POLITICAL BURLESQUE SHOW.

The delegates from this township to the Democratic County convention Tuesday labeled themselves kindergarten politicians. They brought about the endorsement of W. D. Vandiver for Governor, but opposed an endorsement of the records of Senators Stone and Reed. The convention, however, overruled the contingent from Cape Girardeau township and gave Reed and Stone a vote of approval, which was the only act of the meeting that can be commended.

If Vandiver proposes to make the race on a platform condemning the records of the two Missouri Senators, he, of course, will approve what his cohorts did at Jackson. If he does not, his friends have simply interred him before he has been formally embalmed.

Cape Girardeau township had 34 of the 81 delegates in the convention. Under the unit rule, the delegates voted solidly upon every proposition. The machine leaders in this delegation voted the 34 men because the unit rule prevented any delegate from expressing himself in opposition to the crowd that went to the convention in Vandiver crates.

But the endorsement of Vandiver and the subsequent condemnation of Senators Reed and Stone amount to nothing. The men who controlled the delegates from this township to the convention could not elect a candidate for office in this county, and no power beneath the sun could elect any one of them.

The convention, as a matter of fact, did not represent the Democratic party in this county. The 24 delegates from this township were selected at a meeting at which there were not 34 Democrats present, yet this meeting bound the delegates to the convention to vote as a unit. Four of the townships in the county were not represented at the Jackson meeting, and none of the delegates was chosen by a vote of the people. Had the people, instead of a few repudiated bosses, named the delegation from Cape township, the majority of those who were selected would have remained at home.

Senator Reed's candidacy for re-election in this section of the state was not impaired by the fight made upon him yesterday. Had those who opposed him led the movement to approve his record, it would have been widow's weeds for Senator Reed. His opponents in the county convention have never been able to defeat any candidate except by supporting him.

Stripped of the silly, frivolous and nonsensical features of the convention, it may be looked upon as only a political burlesque show.

## ANOTHER GERMAN PLOT.

Germany is now being accused of supplying Villa with ammunition to be used in his raids on American border towns. In their haste to get into print with the details of the plot, those making the charges failed to reveal the German means of transporting the supplies. In view of the fact that Germany has no ships reaching American shores, except war vessels, the inference is that the cannon and shell came over by wireless.

## CONJURED.

The Republican is attempting to guide the Democrats in the selection of a choice for Governor. As The Republican has never picked a successful candidate on any ticket, its advice will no doubt be in great demand this year.

## CAPE RETAILERS HONOR BERNARD BREMERMAN

To Attend Funeral and Committee Will Draft Resolutions of Respect.

### PIONEER MERCHANT WAS A SAILOR BOY

Died of Pneumonia At Home—To Be Buried Saturday Morning.

The Retail Merchants' Association last night named a committee to draft resolutions out of respect to Bernard Bremermann, the veteran Broadway merchant, who died at 9 o'clock yesterday morning at his home at 716 Broadway after a short illness with pneumonia.

The funeral services for Mr. Bremermann will be held at 10 o'clock Saturday morning at the family residence and the funeral will be attended by virtually all the Cape retail merchants. The resolutions will be drafted by that time and made public.

The committee appointed is composed of the following men: Henry R. Willer, president of the organization; W. C. Bergmann, retired retailer; David A. Glenn and Henry Nussbaum, Sr., who likewise is retired. The association also will send floral offerings for the funeral.

Mr. Bremermann, at the time he engaged in the retail business in the Cape in September 1870, was the only merchant on Broadway and at the time of his death, none of his contemporaries at the time of his embarkation in business, were alive.

He was known by virtually everyone in the Cape and Cape County and his store as one of Southeast Missouri's oldest institutions, is known throughout this section of the state.

Mr. Bremermann throughout his life was physically strong. His relatives and friends boasted that he never knew a day when he was in ill health.

Sunday he first began to feel the attack of pneumonia. He did not rise till late Monday to go into his store, and Monday afternoon he left his work to lie down for a rest in the J. M. Allison home in the rear of the store building on Broadway.

He and his wife had lived upstairs ever their store for many years, but Monday night he was unable to go to his bedroom upstairs. A physician was summoned and by Wednesday evening his condition warranted good hope that he would regain his strength.

Yesterday morning, however, he died a few moments after he had held a conversation with one of his daughters, Mrs. J. F. Gordon, of New Madrid.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow by Rev. A. Wilder, pastor of Trinity German Lutheran Church, of which Mr. Bremermann was a member for many years. Burial will be in a family lot at Fairmount cemetery.

Mr. Bremermann is survived by his wife, with whom, five years ago, he celebrated his golden wedding anniversary. He was 83 years old and last fall received the congratulations of friends in all parts of Southeast Missouri on his eighty-third birthday.

Five children, two sons and three daughters also survive him. The sons are John P. Bremermann of Poular Bluff, and Herman Bremermann of the First National Bank. The daughters are Mrs. Alvina Owens, of St. Louis; Mrs. J. M. Allison of the Cape and Mrs. Gordon of New Madrid.

Mr. Bremermann was born on his father's farm near Delverhorst, which is but a few miles removed from Bremen, Germany. As soon as he was old enough, or about fifteen years old, he went down to sea in a sailing vessel.

That was in the days of the clipper and the three-masted schooner, when the United States virtually held first place in the commerce of the seas and there were more American bottoms than any other nationality.

All the boys near Bremen went to sea as soon as they could get away, the pioneer told his grandchildren in the Cape and a representative of The Tribune when he celebrated his last birthday.

His trips from that time forth were almost innumerable. He became a pilot on two of the old lines and at one time in his career, he made three whaling trips to Greenland.

On these voyages, he used to relate the circumstances of how his ship was caught in pack ice and the sailors used

## SIKESTON TAKES CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

Goal Tossers Defeat Caruthersville In Final Game 42 to 28—Other Scores.

After having won three games yesterday to get back into the running for the Normal cup awarded to the champion high school basketball team in the first annual tournament for Southeast Missouri high school teams, the Caruthersville five went down in defeat in its fourth game yesterday before the strong Sikeston quintet.

The victors won their game in the first half of the game when the Caruthersville boys were tired. In the second half of the game the Caruthersville boys played the Sikeston men off their feet and, according to the way in which they were scoring, had the game continued five minutes longer they might have passed the Sikeston five.

The score of the final game was 42 to 28, and Sikeston, undefeated throughout the tournament, carried off the large silver loving cup. This cup, if won three years in succession by Sikeston, will become the permanent property of that school.

A large crowd of spectators filled the Normal gym all day yesterday to watch the games among the various high schools, and last night when the final championship game was played, much enthusiasm was manifested by the supporters of the two high schools.

Caruthersville, during the winter, defeated the Sikeston team twice, once in Sikeston and once in Caruthersville, so that when the two lined up for the final battle, it was believed that Caruthersville would repeat its performance of the past season.

The three games that Caruthersville had to play in order to get back into the running against the one game that the Sikeston boys had to play in the afternoon against Poplar Bluff, made an unequal break and Sikeston early in the game began to show its superiority.

Mayfield was allowed to play close to the goal of his team and the ball was fed to him by his team mates, Stone and Arthur. Mayfield was lucky and in the first half of the contest he dropped 11 goals through the basket. In the second half he got only 4.

A. Green, Sides and Petty did the best work for the Caruthersville quintet. Petty was disqualified during the game on account of personal fouls and his place was taken by L. Green.

The score and line-up of the two teams in the final championship game was as follows:

Caruthersville—28.	Field	Foul
	goals.	goals.
Smith .....	0	0
A. Green .....	2	6
Sides .....	4	0
Petty .....	4	0
Adams .....	0	0
L. Green .....	1	0
Shields .....	0	0

Sikeston—42.	Field	Foul
	goals.	goals.
Arthur .....	2	6
Mayfield .....	15	0
Stone .....	1	0
Dover .....	0	0
Bowman .....	0	0

The results of the games played during the remainder of the day are as follows:

Poplar Bluff 39; Charleston 29. Hayti 46; Kennett 38. Jackson 29; Caruthersville 33. Poplar Bluff 29; Sikeston 32. Charleston 13; Hayti 24. Caruthersville 38; Poplar Bluff 24. Hayti 15; Caruthersville 49.

to leave the ship to hunt polar bears on the ice. Some of his companions had to have arms or legs, which were frozen, amputated and the hardships of all the members of the crews were virtually beyond belief.

In 1852, he was in New Orleans when the yellow fever raged there and in the midst of the epidemic, he was reported dead to his friends and relatives, after he had been taken to one of the hospitals stricken with the malady.

He created no little surprise when he finally emerged from the institution and at once set out to sea again. Eventually, he was a passenger upon a ship when Miss Lena Luckman, his second wife, and her parents were voyagers to America. The sailor quit the sea to follow her to Cape Girardeau and since about 1860 he has lived in the Cape.

His first wife was a Miss Katherine Dietz, whom he met and married in New Orleans. His first wife and child died in New Orleans in 1858.

When he first arrived in the Cape he began working at a lime kiln and subsequently became a cooper, following that trade till he established himself in business in the Cape in 1870.

## PAT FRISSELL MAY BE IN VAN OF VILLA CHASE

Lieut. From Cape Is Stationed Only 80 Miles From Scene of Mexican Raid.

### YOUNG OFFICER ROSE FROM THE VOLUNTEER

Is Son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Frissell—Wife Is Daughter of Louis Houck.

Lieut. Pat Frissell of the United States army, is within 80 miles of the outbreak of hostilities between Villa and United States troops and he will be among the first to be sent into Mexico under the plan of armed pursuit of Villa.

Lieutenant Frissell, whose home was in the Cape, has been stationed at Fort Douglas, Ariz., which is between 80 and 100 miles removed from Columbus, New Mexico, where the Villa raid upon American soil occurred. He is an officer in an infantry regiment, and it is quite probable that he will not be ordered into action till other bodies of cavalry have preceded him.

He has been living at Fort Douglas for about a year and is accompanied there by his wife, who formerly was Miss Rebecca Houck, the pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Houck, of Elmwood.

Lieut. Frissell is a son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Frissell of 720 South Boulevard. Capt. Tom Frissell, a brother, and a graduate of West Point is stationed in California. R. W. Frissell, city clerk, is a brother also.

The Cape army officer rose from a volunteer in the ranks to his present position. After he joined the army, Lieut. Frissell studied for a year and took an examination that resulted in his obtaining a commission.

He took the examination at New York, and made a brilliant record. After his commission as an officer had been granted, he was sent to China and after spending several months in the Orient, he was brought back to the United States.

When he left China, he obtained a furlough to return home and from here he was to go to Cheyenne, Wyo., where he expected to be stationed.

Before he went to Cheyenne, however, he received further orders to go to the Texas border to report at Fort Douglas.

The Frissells made a visit of several weeks with relatives and friends in the Cape about two months ago, when he obtained a furlough. A few weeks ago, Mrs. Frissell was in the Cape for a visit with her parents.

Lieutenant Frissell was reared in the vicinity of the Cape and received his early education in the local public schools. He has a host of friends in this community.

## CAPE EXCH. BANK OPENS AUSPICIOUSLY

Judge Schaefer, President, Says First Day Exceeds His Fondest Hopes.

The first day's business at the Cape Exchange Bank yesterday surpassed all expectations, Judge William B. Schaefer, president, declared last night as the doors were closed on the vaults of the new financial institution for the first time.

"We had visits from many more depositors than I ever anticipated on the initial business day and I consider the prospects for the institution are bright. Many of our friends who visited our place for the first time, were genuinely surprised to see the equipment with which we are prepared to do business and they expressed their pleasure."

During the day, the members of the Board of Directors of the bank spent as much of their time there as possible to greet the depositors.

One of the bank's friends early in the day contributed a large bouquet of carnations, and thereafter the flowers were presented to the women visitors as souvenirs of their first business transaction with the bank.

The furnishings have been put in place completely, the walls of the banking establishment at 517 Broadway redecorated and the floor recovered, so that the institution presents an air of established luxuriance.

The directors of the concern are Judge Schaefer, Charles Overholtz, D. B. Smith, A. H. Mueller and A. R. Zoelsman.

## KAGE GETS REPLICATION OF 1872 TICKET

Mayor's Name Appeared as Candidate For Coroner—Grant Ran For President.

A political ticket of local historical significance in the Cape and Cape County was presented to Mayor Kage by L. B. Houck, a ticket on which the Mayor's name was placed along with that of Ulysses S. Grant, who was running for President of the United States.

It was the Republican ticket of 1872, when Mayor Kage was elected coroner for Cape County, and Henry Kopper, father-in-law of Mrs. Gus "Maw" Kopper or Cooper, was elected constable. The Mayor is going to have the slip framed and hung in his office.

The ticket was found in the basement of the courthouse at Jackson a few days ago when the janitor was cleaning out some rubbish. Mr. Houck obtained the 1872 ticket and presented it to the Mayor.

Grant was elected President and Henry Wilson his vice president. The Missouri Presidential electors were: Charles B. Wilkinson, Moses Dickson, Charles Teichman, Myer A. Roenblatt, John C. Arrick, John A. Weber, Benjamin D. Dean, Charles W. Thrasher, George R. Smith, Eben W. Kimball, Berryman K. Davis, Dennis B. Dorsey, Fielder A. Jones and Isaac N. Stoutemyer.

John B. Henderson ran for Governor and was elected and John H. Stover was campaigning for Lieutenant Governor. Jefferson Chandler was in the field for Attorney General and two candidates for Judges of the Supreme Court were Henry A. Glover and George H. Shields.

Judge Shields now resides in St. Louis and is now on the bench of the Circuit Court.

Cape County was in what was then the Fourth Congressional District and Messer Ward of New Madrid was in the race Congressman.

The State and National ticket went Republican by a big majority in that day, Mayor Kage said, but the County ticket was split. Rufus M. Woods was defeated for Representative to the General Assembly by R. L. Wilson, a Democrat from the Cape. Mr. Wilson died about a year ago and formerly lived on Broadway across from the postoffice.

Christian Hofmeister, whose two sons now run a barber shop in Jackson, was defeated in that election for sheriff and collector of the revenues by John Albert a Democrat. In a similar manner, Henry Brail was defeated by David C. Hope.

John Bonny was elected Judge of the County Court and Judge Wilson Cramer, at that time a young attorney, defeated James McWilliams for prosecuting attorney. Jacob H. Schaefer was elected County Treasurer on the ticket; August Von Cloedt, County Assessor; and George W. Snider, father of Judge John A. Snider, of the Common Pleas Court, was made County Surveyor on this ticket.

Leonard Sargeant was elected Superintendent of Public Instruction; Robert W. McNeely, public administrator; and Kage defeated Honore G. Fougeu for coroner.

## PAYS FINE IN RECORD TIME

Twenty Minutes After Fight, James Hagen Settles With Judge Willer.

Twenty minutes after he had been taken before Justice of the Peace W. H. Willer, after having been implicated in a fight on Main street last night, James Hagen paid a fine and costs and went to his home. The fight was with his brother-in-law, Dennis Moranville, who lives on Broadway, near North Fountain.

The fight, according to one of the men, grew out of an argument over money relations between them. They were found in a boiler room in the rear part of the St. Charles barber shop by Capt. Al Jaynes, exchanging blows.

Moranville was knocked up against some pipes by one of the blows and had his chin injured. The men were separated and taken to the street, where they renewed the combat and were separated by Deputy Sheriff Seagraves, who took Hagen before Judge Willer. Moranville went to his home. Both men are employed at the shoe factory.

## MRS. JOE RUSCHWEIN DEAD.

Word was received yesterday in the Cape of the death of Mrs. Ruschwein formerly lived in the Cape in the West End near the Broadway school. Her husband formerly worked as a carpenter at the Frisco shops in South Cape. They moved away from the Cape about six years ago to go to Memphis, where Mr. Ruschwein was employed at a similar occupation.

## JUDGE SNIDER RULES SELF OUT OF \$100,000 SUIT

Attorneys Mutually Insist He Try County Bridge Injunction Case.

### SNIDER WAS COUNTY'S COUNSEL 3 YEARS AGO

County Court Sustains Hays In Fight Over Details of Compromise.

Judge John A. Snider of the Common Pleas Court, yesterday morning disqualified himself for the bench to try the injunction suit of the County Court against the Little River Drainage District, wherein the county already has obtained an injunction order restraining the drainage workers from tapping Cape County roads till responsibility for the payment for bridges spanning the cuts so made, is fixed in the courts.

Judge Snider pronounced his own disqualification in court when attorneys for both the drainage district and the county were present to make arrangements to argue a motion filed in the case to set aside certain parts of the injunction petition.

After his declaration had been placed on the minute books, the attorneys for both sides stipulated that he sit in the case and proceed with the trial of the suit.

Judge Edward D. Hays and Prosecuting Attorney J. Henry Caruthers appeared in behalf of the County Court and Senator R. E. Oliver and R. E. Oliver Jr., represented the Drainage District.

Judge Snider explained in the court why he wished to withdraw from the case.

About three years ago, when the question of having the drainage cut the Cape County roads and the assumption was taken that the county would pay for the bridges to be constructed across the cuts, the members of the County Court and the County Highway Engineer consulted with Judge Snider at his law offices in Jackson.

At that time, he made an investigation into the law and advised with the members of the County Court and the engineer, he said.

On account of his earlier connection with the proceedings, therefore, the Judge announced that he wished to withdraw himself from the trial of the suit.

He consented to try the case, however, when the attorneys for both sides undertook him to remain on the bench and a hearing has been set for next week when the motion pending before the court will be argued.

The County Court yesterday announced its decision to sustain Judge Hays in his contentions with reference to points in the tentative compromise pending between the two sides, which will allow the work upon the main diversion channel and the litigation to proceed.

The attorneys for the drainage district asked the County Court that, under the agreement for a compromise, the district be allowed to erect temporary bridges over the cuts made in the roads. Judge Hays contended for the County Court that the bridges should be made permanent in the first instance.

The second rupture between the two parties to the proposed compromise was over the question of the method of payment, should the litigation prove that the county is liable for the construction of the bridges.

## TO COPY COUNTY ROADS.

Mississippians Spend Several Days Here Inspecting Highways.

A delegation of citizens from Mississippi spent the past several days here inspecting the county's system of highways and the city streets, with a view of determining the character of material to be used in their vicinity in building a connecting link of the Jefferson Davis Highway now contemplated through that state.

They were particularly impressed with the gravel and macadam roads and the concrete paving of the city streets, but made inquiries as to the usefulness of silica, of which there is an abundance in this and adjoining counties. Cape Girardeau County has one of the best systems of rural highways as well as some of the best streets to be found in the state, but very little silica has been used, although it is said to be invaluable.

In the party here were A. L. McKinney of Robinsonville, Miss., and John M. Evans, of Turica, Miss.

Roy Williams today expects to go to California, Mo., on a business visit.